

## THE SOCIETIES.

### Massillon Lodge of Pathfinders Organized.

### TO GO TO KANSAS CITY.

Harry W. Elsass the Woodmen's National Representative—Enterprising Beach City Mechanics Build an Opera House—Other News.

A lodge of the Pathfinders of America was instituted in the O. U. A. M. hall last night, with the following officers: Dr. R. B. Dimon, past president; W. R. Coleman, president; R. S. Hardgrove, vice president; C. R. Mills, secretary; L. J. Vogt, treasurer; C. H. Fox, chaplain; J. J. Klotz, sergeant-at-arms; Frank Poe, guide; C. A. Rice, inside guard; R. C. James, outside guard; Dr. R. B. Dimon, medical examiner; H. E. Sinnock, W. B. Suttle, and C. C. Miller, trustees. A. T. Durant, of Akron, supreme outside guard, assisted by Deputy W. H. Vogt, instituted the lodge. Mr. Durant returned to Akron this morning.

At the Friday evening meeting of Bagley council, Jr. Order of American Mechanics, arrangements were completed for a social session and celebration to be held on next Friday evening, in honor of the council's first anniversary. The entertainment committee reported a programme, which was accepted. There will be speeches by various members, and musical selections. Refreshments will be served. The members of Lincoln council have been invited to attend. Invitations will also be extended to a number of persons not connected with the society.

C. C. Miller, who has just returned from the Middletown meeting of the state council of the United American Mechanics, states that the reports presented show the organization to be much stronger in membership and financially than it was a year ago.

Massillon, Canton, North Lawrence and Canal Fulton lodges of Odd Fellows are represented at the Toledo state convention by Mr. Kaufman, of Canton.

H. W. Elsass, of the Massillon branch of the Modern Woodmen of America, will go to Kansas City as one of Ohio's seven representatives to the national convention, which opens at that place on June 5.

**LODGE BUILDS AN OPERA HOUSE.**  
BEACH CITY, May 20.—The Beach City council of the Junior Order of United American Mechanics will open their new opera house on May 30. An opera company will be on the boards for three successive nights. The opera house is a frame structure, one story high, 60x80 feet. Frank Hay will be the manager of the house. The building was put up by Alfred Crites.

### SMALLPOX IN CANTON.

The Board of Health Closes Several of the Schools.

CANTON, May 19.—There are three cases of smallpox in the city, two of them being children of Jacob Goodman, who resides in Odell row. The board of health at a meeting last night decided to close at once the South Market street school, the annex and the kindergarten. Four of the Goodman children have been attending the Market street school until yesterday, while two children of the same family have been sick for a week with what is now pronounced genuine cases of smallpox, no physician having been called until yesterday. Dr. Exline has been employed by the board of health to take charge of the cases, and the infected house will be placed under a strict quarantine.

### NEWS FROM CANTON.

County Auditors Appraise the Pennsylvania's Property.

CANTON, May 18.—At the meeting of the county auditors, yesterday, the property of the Pittsburg, Ft. Wayne & Chicago Railway Company was appraised as follows: Main line, per mile, \$28,000; second track, \$7,250—a decrease of \$250 per mile from the last year appraisement; sidetracks, \$3,500; rolling stock, \$7,500 per mile; money and credits in hands of agents, \$390 per mile; buildings as returned by assessors.

### A LARGER FIELD.

St. Timothy's Former Rector Goes to Arkansas.

As was stated in THE INDEPENDENT several days ago, the Rev. Edward L. Kemp, formerly rector of St. Timothy's church in this city, now rector of St. Paul's, Medina, has tendered his resignation to the vestry of that church, the resignation to take effect October 1, at which time Mr. Kemp will move to Arkansas, to assist Bishop Brown in the missionary work of his diocese. The Medina Sentinel says:

"Mr. Kemp and Bishop Brown are warm personal friends, and while the latter was arch-deacon of the diocese of Ohio Mr. Kemp was one of his most valued assistants, and when leaving for Arkansas the bishop exacted a promise from Mr. Kemp that he would go to that state to assist him in his work. While both to leave Medina, Mr. Kemp feels that in the larger field he can be of more use to the cause to which he has devoted his life. The Rev. and Mrs. Kemp have won an enviable place in the hearts of the congregation, and it was with sincere sorrow that they heard the announcement, last Sunday, of his intention to leave."

### NEWS FROM CANTON.

Assignment of Cases in Common Pleas Court.

CANTON, May 19.—Albert Parge, indicted by the grand jury on the charge of burglary and larceny, changed his plea to that of guilty, and was sentenced, yesterday afternoon, to two years in the penitentiary. Parge had served a term of eighteen months in the Pennsylvania penitentiary.

The following is the assignment of cases that will be up for hearing in court room No. 1 next week, Judge McCarty presiding:

Monday—Forenoon, hearing motion docket. Afternoon, Rettig vs. Rockhill; Craig vs. Canton Steel Company; Meyers et al. vs. Hill; Robinson vs. Wardwell, receiver.

Tuesday—Ferguson vs. Bean; Miller vs. Spelman; Early trustee vs. Coats; Newhouse vs. Hatcher et al.

Wednesday—Baers vs. Graff; Beeson vs. the Pennsylvania Company; Robertson vs. Schuckers; Jack vs. Brant et al.

Thursday—City of Massillon vs. C. M. E. Railway Company; Harter vs. Moore; Burris vs. Charlton; Dougherty vs. Cool; Edmunds vs. Canal Fulton.

Friday—Burch vs. Douds et al.; Yockey vs. City of Alliance; Langworth, receiver, vs. Gibbs' administrator; Emery vs. Winterhalter.

At the meeting of the supreme circle of the Protected Home Circle at Sharon, Pa., J. C. Skelton, of this city, was elected guardian.

In the case of Anna K. Hannaman against Samuel K. Kaufman, in which plaintiff sought to recover \$5,200 for alleged personal damages, the jury yesterday returned a verdict in plaintiff's favor.

The value of the taxable property of Millport precinct, of Jackson township, as returned by the assessor, is \$77,408. This is an increase of \$21,805 over the appraisement of 1898.

The assessor of Lawrence precinct, of Lawrence township, has reported to the county auditor. The total valuation of taxable property is \$58,245, as against \$54,903 in 1898.

The total value of taxable property in Justus precinct, Sugar Creek township, as reported by the assessor, is \$89,400, a decrease of \$14,465 from the returns for 1898.

At a meeting of the Canton Retail Grocers' Association last night, it was decided that all members, beginning May 23, shall close their places of business at 6 p. m., except on Mondays and Saturdays.

Judge McCarty adjourned court this morning until 10:30 Monday morning.

### OBITUARY NOTICE.

#### JOHN BEAM.

MR. EATON, May 19.—John Beam died at his home in this place on Thursday evening, from the effects of a stroke of apoplexy which he sustained several days ago. Mr. Beam had been a paralytic cripple for several years. The funeral arrangements will be announced later.

#### GEORGE FIKE.

ORRVILLE, O., May 19.—George Fike died this morning at Cleveland, where he had gone to undergo an operation for the removal of a cancer. Mr. Fike was 74 years of age. He leaves a widow and six children, four sons and two daughters, all of whom are married. It is said that he leaves an estate worth at least \$50,000. The funeral will be held Sunday, interment at Crown Hill cemetery. Mr. Fike has been a resident of this place for a good many years.

#### WILLIAM BECK.

William Beck, aged 68 years, a brother of Mrs. James Suter and Charles Beck, of this city, was stricken with paralysis at the home of his sister at about 6:30 o'clock Friday evening, and at 12:30 he died. Mr. Beck was in an outhouse when stricken. He was unconscious when found, and never regained his senses. Dr. T. J. Reed was summoned as soon as Mr. Beck's condition became known, but he could do nothing for him.

Mr. Beck was born in Wurtemberg, Germany. He came this country in 1857, locating in Massillon in the same year. From here he went to Alpena, Mich., where he took up a section of land, furnishing timber for the government. Fifteen years ago he moved to Akron, where he conducted a general store until the early part of this year, when he retired, coming to Massillon to make his home with his sister. He was a veteran of the late war. He enlisted in 1861 and served until 1862, when he was given an honorable discharge, having been wounded in the head. Mr. Beck was a member of the Union Veterans' Union. He was unmarried. Funeral services will be held at the Suter residence, in West Main street, at 1 o'clock Monday afternoon, the Rev. Mr. Digel officiating.

#### JOSEPH MILLER.

Joseph Miller, of whose death at Genoa last week THE INDEPENDENT contained a brief notice, was born in Perry township on what is now known as the Banner farm, July 21, 1823. Later his parents moved to the Lon Smith farm, where they put up a handsome brick residence, long since gone to decay. In November, 1844, Mr. Miller married Miss Leah West, and in the same year moved to his late home in Genoa, where was reared a large and happy family of children, and where Mrs. Miller died in December, 1863. In August, 1868, Mr. Miller married Miss Rachel Burns, who, with one son, survives him. Mr. Miller was known throughout this vicinity as a man of sterling integrity and as a genial and kind hearted neighbor. His death is regretted by a large circle of friends and relatives. He is survived by seven children and nine grandchildren.

# OIL BOOM IS ON

## A Strike Made on the McCullough Farm Saturday Night.

## WELL IS 657 FEET DEEP.

It is Operated by the St. Marys Oil Company, of St. Marys, O.—Sample of the Oil Now in Massillon—Heavier Than Petroleum and More Valuable—Will Shoot the Well Next Week.

Oil was struck at a depth of 657 feet on the McCullough farm, south west of the city, at 6 o'clock Saturday evening. A sample of the oil is now at the Hotel Sailer in possession of W. Kishler, a member of the company holding leases on the territory. It is heavier than the Scio oil, or petroleum, being more of the nature of a lubricating or mackey oil. At three o'clock Saturday afternoon the drillers on the McCullough farm noticed gas issuing from the hole. The deeper their drills went, the more evident became the gas. At 6 o'clock the hole was bailed out. The sand brought up was neither the Berea nor "Big Indian." It was something entirely new to the experienced men who examined it. At first it was thought to be salt sand, but this, another examination showed, it could not possibly be. It was heavy with oil, whatever it was. The drills were kept steadily going, and later the well was bailed out again. This time much oil was brought to the surface. A bottle was filled with what was brought up and Mr. Kishler came to town with it. "I am going to show it to the Home Oil and Gas people," said he when he left the well. "They said we were drilling at a wrong place to find oil, and I want to convince them of their mistake. I don't pretend to know how much oil is here, but it's here nevertheless. I made a bet that our well would be better than theirs, and now I'm to prove it."

The well is operated by the St. Marys Oil Company, composed of W. Kishler, John Riebesell, D. Armstrong, B. Moran and Dr. Noble, all of St. Marys, O. It is a company which has been in existence for several years, and has now several producers in the vicinity of St. Marys and has leases on territory about Scio. Besides the McCullough property, the company holds leases on the surrounding Frederick Albright, Adam Bender, Wendling and Graber farms, a trifle more than eight hundred acres in all. Messrs. Kishler and Riebesell arrived in Massillon from St. Marys Friday night, and have been at the well a greater part of the time since.

Mr. Riebesell stated Saturday night that drilling would be continued. "It is not likely that we will go deeper than 1,000 feet," said he, "but we want to strike the Berea grit before we get much deeper, and in it we ought to find lots of

oil. All we can say now, is, that we have found oil. How much of it there is, you know as much as I. We will shoot the well next week, but we want to get down deeper before giving it the blast."

Frank Eccelberger, of St. Marys, is the driller in charge of the well. "Oil and gas," he remarked Saturday evening, "are wherever you find them. That is about all you can say about such a matter. I had no special reason for believing there was oil under the McCullough farm, but neither had I reason to think that there was not. It is always a game of chance. Sometimes you win, sometimes you lose; it looks as if we had won. I became aware of gas coming from the hole early in the afternoon, being able to both see and smell it. I believed that we were close upon the oil, and, sure enough, when we bailed sometime later there was the real thing."

The farm is the property of Mrs. C. McCullough Everhard, who is a daughter of the late Thomas McCullough. It consists of 280 acres. The farm is hardly more than half a mile from the city limits and can be reached by following Walnut street. H. H. Everhard was one of the first Massillonians to arrive at the well after the strike was made.

Drilling was commenced about a month ago. The company met with one or two misfortunes with their machinery, causing some delay. The drillers have had some trouble with salt water, but this did not seriously interfere with their work. Not much salt water difficulty is expected. They are well prepared to deal with this trouble should it present itself.

But few persons in Massillon knew of the strike Saturday night, and consequently there was little excitement. It was after 9 o'clock when Mr. Kishler came in with the sample. He took it to places of business of various friends to prove to them that oil had really been found, but there were not many people about to spread the news. It is expected, however, that today the well will be more visited than the churches. Mr. Riebesell said last night that the well would not be operated on Sunday. "Only once in all my experience," he stated, "have I asked my men to work on Sunday. Then it was absolutely necessary. It is not necessary in the present case. Sunday is a day of rest, and our men shall so enjoy it."

### EVEN STEAMSHIP LINES.

Combination to Kill Competition and Raise Rates.

The following is contained in a private letter from R. P. Skinner, United States consul to Marseilles, written on May 2: "The active competition between the great steamship lines for immigration business between New York and the northern European ports will cease on May 10, when a pooling arrangement will go into effect. Under the combination scheme the rate between Marseilles and New York is 160 francs (\$30.88), instead of 125 francs (\$24.12), and from Genoa and Naples 140 francs (27), instead of a very unstable scale between 60 francs (\$11.58) and 100 francs (\$19.30). This arrangement does not extend to South American ports, and the rates to such ports will be in some instances lower than to New York, although the passage is considerably longer. It is thought in some quarters that this will tend to divert a considerable amount of immigration from New York to South American ports."

The plague of 99—La Grippe. The destroyer of La Grippe—Miles' Nerve

### An Appeal for Help.

The Baptists, years ago, had a flourishing church in Massillon, but on account of the removal from the city of some of their best paying members they sold the church property, paid every debt and disbanded. On February 9, 1899, another Baptist church was organized. This new church, believing in the providence of God and the loyalty and public spirit of the people of Massillon for their city, have purchased from the Rev. Ira M. Moody, the church property formerly owned by the United Brethren congregation of this city. The Baptists have secured outside of Massillon \$2,200. They believe that the citizens of Massillon will give a hearty response and help to save the beautiful church to the city for religious purposes. This is the first appeal for help that the Baptists have made in Massillon for over thirty years.

Mrs. M. NEAL. JOHN C. FORD.  
Treasurer. Pastor.

Pneumonia, la grippe, coughs, colds, croup and whooping cough readily yield to One Minute Cough Cure. Use this remedy in time and save a doctor's bill—or undertaker's. Rider & Snyder.

## PERRY TOWNSHIP.

Vote in Detail, Including That of Massillon.

### METZGAR LEADS THEM ALL.

He Has a Total of 787 in the Township—Day Has 372 Over Turner—Summer and Reese Far Ahead—The List of County Delegates.

The vote cast at the Republican primary election Saturday afternoon was a heavy one, and it was late before the count was completed. Every effort was made to get out a big vote, but the success which attended the endeavors of the workers exceeded the expectations of all. Massillonians were particularly interested in the contests for prosecuting attorney and state senator, because of the fact that Robert H. Day and the Hon. S. A. Conrad were candidates. The rule agreed upon by the Republican central committee provides that the delegate to the senatorial convention shall be chosen by the candidate for senator carrying the precinct.

There were many candidates for delegates to the county convention. As it is at this convention that delegates to the state convention will be selected, there was much sharp hustling. The vote in detail for Massillon and Perry township follows:

**FOR STATE SENATOR.**  
First Ward—G. W. Wilhelm, 194; J. H. Weaver, 12; S. A. Conrad, 117.  
Second Ward—Wilhelm, 123; Weaver, 13; Conrad, 63.  
Third Ward—Wilhelm, 109; Weaver, 15; Conrad, 118.  
Fourth Ward—Wilhelm, 54; Weaver, 4; Conrad, 34.  
Massillon Precinct—Wilhelm, 39; Weaver, 3; Conrad, 31.  
Richville Precinct—Wilhelm, 29; Weaver, 4; Conrad, 23.  
Totals—Wilhelm, 548; Weaver, 51; Conrad, 386.

**FOR REPRESENTATIVE.**  
First Ward—J. B. Snyder, 148; C. W. Metzgar, 249; F. A. Hoiles, 97; W. E. Moulton, 75; G. W. Brown, 43; R. A. Pollock, 129; A. C. Strong, 74.  
Second Ward—Snyder, 65; Metzgar, 146; Hoiles, 65; Moulton, 69; Brown, 29; Pollock, 100; Strong, 46.  
Third Ward—Snyder, 98; Metzgar, 174; Hoiles, 53; Moulton, 66; Brown, 40; Pollock, 101; Strong, 74.  
Fourth Ward—Snyder, 42; Metzgar, 84; Hoiles, 49; Moulton, 16; Brown, 10; Pollock, 34; Strong, 28.  
Massillon Precinct—Snyder, 28; Metzgar, 73; Hoiles, 34; Moulton, 10; Brown, 5; Pollock, 22; Strong, 23.  
Richville Precinct—Snyder, 27; Metzgar, 61; Hoiles, 27; Moulton, 9; Brown, 15; Pollock, 8; Strong, 13.  
Totals—Snyder, 408; Metzgar, 787; Hoiles, 319; Moulton, 245; Brown, 142; Pollock, 394; Strong, 258.

**PROSECUTING ATTORNEY.**  
First Ward—T. F. Turner, 80; R. H. Day, 240.  
Second Ward—Turner, 72; Day, 138.  
Third Ward—Turner, 31; Day, 203.  
Fourth Ward—Turner, 19; Day, 78.  
Massillon Precinct—Turner, 23; Day, 56.  
Richville Precinct—Turner, 19; Day, 39.  
Totals—Turner, 244; Day, 616.

**COUNTY COMMISSIONER.**  
First Ward—J. B. Summer, 188; H. S. Graham, 105.  
Second Ward—Summer, 138; Graham, 47.  
Third Ward—Summer, 137; Graham, 73.  
Fourth Ward—Summer, 62; Graham, 29.  
Massillon Precinct—Summer, 36; Graham, 29.  
Richville Precinct—Summer, 33; Graham, 24.  
Totals—Summer, 594; Graham, 307.

**INFIRMARY DIRECTOR.**  
First Ward—A. Reese, 225; P. Balmat, 50.  
Second Ward—Reese, 141; Balmat, 39.  
Third Ward—Reese, 165; Balmat, 35.  
Fourth Ward—Reese, 71; Balmat, 15.  
Massillon Precinct—Reese, 48; Balmat, 16.  
Richville Precinct—Reese, 42; Balmat, 12.  
Totals—Reese, 692; Balmat, 160.

### THE COUNTY DELEGATES.

Men Who will Represent the Various Precincts on May 27.

Following is the vote cast for delegates to the Republican county convention, to be held in Canton on May 27:

**FIRST WARD.**  
Precinct A. (three to be elected)—F. Hemperly, 109; L. P. Slusser, 107; L. S. Stoehr, 121; J. M. Bayliss, 45; A. Higerd, 70; S. F. Weder, 92.

Precinct B, none to elected.—C. E. Jarvis, 39; John Butler, 11; J. Richards, 3; H. C. Foitz, 13; F. Shallenberger, 17.

### SECOND WARD.

Precinct A. (two to be elected)—F. Preckel, 55; F. W. Wilson, 33; A. Phelan, 14; R. Gow, 20.  
Precinct B. (two to be elected)—J. H. Williams, 99; H. W. Elsass, 46; T. C. Miller, 19; W. Reichen, 37.

### THIRD WARD.

Precinct A. (two to be elected)—Frank Humberger, 64; J. C. Corns, 65; H. B. Conrad, 40; Howard Garrigues, 25; H. R. Ryder, 36; W. D. Berden, 19.  
Precinct B. (two to be elected)—L. A. Koons, 59; Edward Richards, 15.  
Precinct C. (one to be elected)—W. Spidle, 24; R. M. Reap, 17.

### FOURTH WARD.

William Bosterman, 34; Benton Smith, 44. (One to be elected.)

### PERRY TOWNSHIP.

Massillon Precinct—Krischer, 52; Doll, 5. Richville Precinct—C. C. Leeper, no opposition.

## DAY AND SNYDER.

Their Nomination is Almost Certain.

### EIGHT PRECINCTS NOT IN.

Mr. Wilhelm Goes Into the Other Counties Leading by More Than 1,000—Summer and Reese Out of Danger—Metzgar, Hoiles and Pollock are Close.

At 4 o'clock Sunday morning all precincts in the county but Limaville, Mapleton, Justus, Elton, Pigeon Run, Stanwood, Uniontown and Paris had been heard from. Returns from these precincts will undoubtedly make some changes, as the vote for several of the offices, particularly representative, is very close. Not including the above mentioned precincts, the vote for the county stands as follows:

For State Senator—Wilhelm, 2,666; Weaver, 1,140; Conrad, 1,600.

For Representative—Snyder, 3,043; Metzgar, 2,249; Hoiles, 2,233; Moulton, 1,777; Brown, 1,568; Pollock, 2,389; Strong, 1,738.

For Prosecuting Attorney—Turner, 2,752; Day, 2,874.

For County Commissioner—Summer, 3,607; Graham, 1,536.

For Infirmary Director—Reese, 3,922; Balmat, 932.

It is not likely that returns from these places can defeat Day. Four of them are in western Stark county and are sure to support him strongly, while he has a majority of over one hundred, as the vote now stands, to offset any losses in the East End.

It is not likely that any of the precincts mentioned in the foregoing will be heard from before Monday.

It is reported from Canton Monday morning that returns from several of the eight precincts make certain the nomination of Pollock. Snyder's nomination was conceded Saturday night. The other man will be either Metzgar or Hoiles.

### NO OPPOSITION.

The following candidates had no opposition: Warren W. Hole, common pleas judge; Maurice E. Augst, probate judge; T. Harvey Smith, county treasurer; John J. Zaiser, sheriff.

### NO OPPOSITION.

Massillon Central Committeemen are All Re-elected.

All of the old members of the Republican central committee were candidates for re-election. None had opposition. The committee is now composed of the following: First ward, L. P. Slusser, Edward Jacoby; second ward, John Mannweiler, Albert Ellis; third ward, H. B. Conrad, L. A. Koons, Gregory Davis; fourth ward, Geo. H. Schaaf; Massillon precinct, R. Krischer; Richville precinct, B. Ayres.

### In Memoriam.

Perry Grange recently has lost by death three of its aged and faithful members, George V. Lerch, J. Umbenhour, and N. Schuler. As a Grange we sadly feel the loss, yet humbly submit to the ruling hand of an all-wise God. Therefore, be it

Resolved, That we extend to the families our heartfelt sympathy to their bereavement, that our charter be draped in mourning, and a page of the Grange records be inscribed to the memory of each departed brother.

Mrs. S. C. ECKERT.  
D. BAUGHMAN.  
B. DAHL.  
Committee.

### An Obstinate Sore Cured.

Jas. G. Amherst, Delta, O., writes, "I had an obstinate sore on my face which everything else failed to heal; after one application of Banner Salve it began to heal and after three applications it was entirely healed leaving no scar." Rider & Snyder.







# THE FIRST MURDER

## And First Execution in Stark County.

### SIXTY-SIX YEARS AGO.

**Christian Bechtel Hanged at Canton for the Murder of His Wife—Three Companies of Soldiers are Present at the Execution.**

For the following account of the first murder in Stark county, and the execution of the murderer, THE INDEPENDENT is indebted to Mr. Charles H. King, who was personally acquainted with the murderer and an eye-witness of much he describes:

In reading of the recent murder trial, in your county, many incidents in connection with the first murder trial and execution in Stark county have been brought vividly to my recollection. My father was a miller by trade, and in 1827 and 1828 lived at Welty's mill, some times called Congress furnace, four miles south of Canton. I believe it is now called North Industry. A large distillery of whisky (for those times) was close by, and a smaller one within a half a mile. Whisky was then made of one third rye and two-thirds corn. It would make a fellow gloriously drunk, but would not "kill at forty rods." Almost everybody drank whisky in those days, and it was very cheap, only eighteen cents a gallon. Many farmers would lay in a barrel at a time. I remember hearing one man say, "What is a barrel of whisky in the cellar when there is no milk?" There were no saloons, but plenty of country taverns, where you could get a good drink—a third of a pint, if you wanted so much, for three cents.

Christian Bechtel, a cooper and all round day laborer, a pretty fair kind of a fellow, lived just beyond the still house, and did odd jobs for my father. He drank some then, as most everybody did, and the habit grew on him. In 1833 we were living at Raynolds mills, two miles south of Canton. Bechtel's drinking made him quarrelsome, kept him poor, and his wife frequently chided him for his negligence to provide for his family.

One evening in the spring of 1833 he came home "pretty full." His wife said but little to him, but put the children to bed, and then retired for the night, leaving her husband sitting by the fire. He sat there for several hours, partly sleeping, and then aroused up, took a new ax he had laid on the mantle-piece, went to her bed, and struck her a powerful blow with the edge, and end of the helve, crushing in her skull just above the ear, than another blow with the flat side of the helve, a little higher up, causing immediate death. He hid the helve, took a few eatables, and left the house. The next morning one of the neighbor women noticed the children (I think he had three) running around undressed, and after breakfast she went over to see what was the reason. The children said, "Pa is gone, and mam won't get up. She won't even speak to us." The woman went to the bed and oh! what a sight she beheld. She nearly fainted. There were no telephones, telegraphs nor railroads in those days, but the news flew "like wild fire." In a short time my mother was there, and after the inquest she prepared the body for burial. The coroner's verdict was that "Mrs. Bechtel came to her death by two wounds made, one with a sharp instrument, as the edge of ax, the other with a dull instrument, as the poll of an ax, in the hands of her husband, Christian Bechtel, either wound sufficient to cause death."

A reward of fifty dollars was offered for the arrest of Bechtel, and John Richards and another man soon got on his track, and arrested him west of Wooster. They put him on one of their horses, tied his hands behind him and his feet together under the horse. The captors took turns, one riding and leading the prisoner's horse, the other walking. As they neared Wooster, the prisoner pleaded so hard to be untied, going through the town,—promised so faithfully to be a good boy, that they untied him, but told him that the first move he made to get off his horse, or to make his horse go faster than a walk they would shoot him. As horseback riding and walking was very common in those days they attracted no unusual notice. Each of his captors kept one hand in his pocket holding a loaded pistol (there were no revolvers then) ready to use it in case, an attempt to escape was made.

As soon as the town was passed he was again tied and kept so until he was delivered to George N. Webb, the then sheriff. The jail was new, the lower part of cut stone, the upper part of brick. There were four rooms for prisoners on each floor. The sheriff resided in the south half of the building. It stood quite a distance southwest of the court house. Until the trial the prisoner was kept in the lower southeast room.

Canton then only extended on Market street to the brow of the hill north of the railroad. A diagonal road, meandering in a northwesterly direction, left Market street on top of the hill, and passed by the east side of the jail to a brick schoolhouse on the north side of Tuscarawas street, where the Methodists then held services, having no church building of their own. In going to church (we had to foot it) we always took this road past the jail. Father would stop and talk with Bechtel through the high up small window, and would always give him tobacco.

As the prisoner had no money, and his friends but little, and the county com-

missioners were not very liberal with county funds, the sheriff permitted a jury to be empaneled the first day, and the trial to proceed without much kicking. He was soon tried—soon convicted—soon sentenced to be hanged on the 23d of November. After he was sentenced he was removed up stairs and chained to the floor. In October he made a full confession of the crime, which, he said, was caused by drink. He told how he did it and where they would find the ax helve. It was found with blood and hair on it—proving that the doctors who testified that "the crime was done with a sharp instrument" were mistaken.

On the Sabbath previous to his execution, father and I visited him in his cell. What an impression he made on me, then a little boy! There sat a stout, hale, hearty man, nearly six feet in height, well built, and would weigh about 180 pounds, chained to the floor near the center of the room. The chain was about three feet long, the links short, and about five-sixteenths iron. A round three-quarter inch rod about twenty inches long was run through holes in iron open bands made to fit his ankles. The bands were in front and the rod behind the legs. The rod, after passing through the first band, passed through the end link of the chain, then through the other band, and was well riveted at each end. Boy as I was, I pronounced it "a good job."

The scaffold was erected northeast of the then village, on beautiful level grounds, ten or fifteen rods east of a small ridge running southwest and northeast. The two middle parts were about twenty feet high with a cross piece on top. A hole in the middle of it, through which the rope with a noose already made, was dangling. The scaffold was about eight feet by twelve feet, and about two feet high, with stairs at the north end. A solid floor at the head of the stairs, on which the sheriff, clerk, doctors and a few others stood. A four by four scantling, one end resting on the frame work of the scaffold, the other end on the short end of a lever about a foot from the iron pin or fulcrum; the other end of the lever was about four feet long. A floor of loose boards about eight feet long was laid, one end on this scantling, the other end on a crotche. On this floor, right under the dangling rope was a small platform about three feet square, with two steps.

There were no daily papers in the county at that time, but the execution was well advertised from house to house; it was common talk throughout the county, and through adjoining counties. Thousands of people came from far and near; never before had there been so many people in Canton at one time. Most of them came on foot, many on horseback, many in wagons, and a few by stage and carriages, while numbers came on canal boats to Massillon, and then footed it to Canton. About forty years ago, a man living in the northern part of Richland county, told me that he walked from there, over sixty miles, to witness the hanging. The eventful day opened up quite cool, but bright. By 9 o'clock it was pleasant, and continued so all day.

From early morning I noticed a continuous crowd of people moving towards town. By 10 o'clock I was there too. I soon made my way to the place of execution and made a careful examination of the gallows.

The authorities had ordered out a company of cavalry from Knox county, and two companies of foot soldiers. One company was from Stark county, but I do not remember where the other company was from. About 1 o'clock the soldiers formed into line and marched to the jail. There they found an immense crowd, which, for a time, refused to fall back. The soldiers had to present bayonets, and soon formed in two lines, one on each side of the door. A one horse wagon with a collar drove up near the jail, and the prisoner, in a long white shroud, soon appeared, walked between the rows of soldiers to the wagon and took his seat on the coffin. The cavalry marched in front, and a line of infantry on each side of the wagon through the town to the place of execution, while hundreds of people walked on each side, in front and in the rear. The procession marched along very quietly. When near the gallows the cavalry advanced rapidly to clear the grounds. One soldier came galloping toward me with sword in hand crying, "Fall back! Clear the grounds!" I cleared.

The cavalry formed a ring about fifteen rods in diameter around the gallows, with the foot soldiers inside. The hill or ridge, was crowded with men, women and children for many rods, affording them a good view of the performance. After arriving at the gallows, the prisoner ascended the steps with a firm step. A short religious service was held at the head of the stairs, and the prisoner, like a few words, blaming the drink habit for getting him into his trouble, and urged the people to let it alone. Then he was requested to ascend the steps to the platform: he hesitated, trembled, and finally had to be urged to take his place under the dangling noose. His legs were quickly bound, the noose adjusted and the cap drawn over his face. The sheriff stepped on the solid floor, took hold of the long end of the lever, with watch in hand, and said in a loud, clear voice.

"Christian Bechtel you have only five minutes more to live—only two minutes—only one minute." Then, "Christian Bechtel, your time is up. May the Lord have mercy on your soul." With these last words he drew the long end of the lever toward him, this let one end of the scantling without support, and down went scantling, loose boards and the small platform on which the prisoner stood, making quite a racket. And there, between the heavens and earth, dangled Christian Bechtel. The drop was six feet, and his neck was broken. In twenty minutes the doctors pronounced him

dead, and after hanging thirty minutes he was taken down, placed in his coffin and delivered to his friends.

His two brothers and a sister lived in Sugar Creek township. His brother-in-law lived on my father's farm, on Elm Run, about one mile west of the village of Justus, and the corpse was taken there that evening. The next day he was publicly buried. The grave was guarded by his friends, until after midnight, when they lifted the corpse, took it to my father's house and kept it upstairs three or four days. Toward morning of the following day some one, supposed to be doctors or doctor's students, opened the grave. I have often thought how "sold" they must have felt when they did not even find the coffin there. Bechtel's friends found where a large tree had blown out of root. They saved the stump of this tree nearly off, then dug a grave where the tree had stood, and buried the corpse in it. Then they finished sawing the stump off which fell back in its original place, thus completely hiding all appearance of a grave, and foiling the "body snatchers," who kept up the hunt for him a week or ten days.

Here were two lives, in their prime, sacrificed to the demon drink, and three little children left orphans.

CHARLES H. KING.

Mansfield, O.

### IN THE AZORES.

**Dr. Pease Writes of His Visit to an Isolated Spot.**

Dr. A. P. L. Pease, of this city, who sailed from New York to Gibraltar on the steamer Spartan Prince, several weeks ago, writes interestingly to friends in Massillon about his voyage and about a short stop he made at St. Michaels, in the Azores, where the steamer put in for coal. Dr. Pease writes: "We stayed off the Azores about seven hours, which gave ample time for those that were so inclined to go ashore. We had quite a time getting into the small boats which pulled alongside the ship, for the water was rough, and it required skill to land in them and not in the water.

"When we reached the shore there were hundreds of idlers there watching us, as only a few steamers stop there and they are so isolated from the world that foreigners are a great curiosity. We found ourselves in a very quaint and queer town of 1,700 people, different from anything that I at least had ever seen before. The islands are of volcanic formation, and this town has been severely injured a few times by earthquakes. After walking around the town for a while we went to the best hotel and ordered dinner for nine, and while this was being prepared we amused ourselves by standing on a balcony outside a front window and looking at the street scenes, which are interesting in the highest degree.

"The dinner was very good indeed, except the butter, which was not very attractive in appearance and was shunned by all the convives. The waiter was a black man who could talk nothing but Portuguese, but another who appeared once in a while could speak French. I think he was a cook. After dinner we got two carriages and drove about the place, visiting two very celebrated gardens which are said to be the finest in the world. The islands are semi-tropical and we saw growing bananas, oranges, figs and pineapples. Hundreds of palm trees of different kinds were in these gardens, which were surrounded by high thick walls made of blocks of lava, then covered with stucco and washed with lime, the same as the houses, and in fact all buildings. A neutral tint of pink was a very popular shade, also yellow, white and drab. From a distance the place looks white and then upon a nearer approach, pink. The principal streets are paved with lava blocks. The houses and other buildings are somewhat Moorish in style, running to arches, plain, smooth walls and balconies.

"All buildings are flush with the streets, and residences of some pretensions are surrounded by walls. All the roofs are covered with tiles, and upon these tiles grow mignonette and various kinds of moss, making a very picturesque effect. Many of the men and women who are poor go barefoot and the men wear their shirts outside their trousers, as do the peasants in France. The people look happy and contented and the men raise their hats respectfully to strangers. Business men upon meeting raise their hats to each other, the same as Parisians. There are many Portuguese—very dark—suggesting an admixture of Moorish blood back somewhere. For the first time in my life I saw a sheep hitched in a market cart and pulling as philosophically as the oxen and mules. The latter pull the most preposterously large loads on carts. I saw several loads composed of three large palm logs on each cart, with a small sized mule walking along with it as if it were an every day occurrence."

**The Pennsylvania's Annual Meeting.**

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Pittsburg, Ft. Wayne & Chicago Railway Company was held on Wednesday in the general office of the company, in Penn avenue, Pittsburg. Three directors, chosen on the rotation plan, were elected. They were John Sherman, of Mansfield; L. B. Harrison, of Cincinnati, and Frank Thomson, of Philadelphia. S. W. Cunningham acted as chairman, and John J. Haley as secretary. The president's report shows the total income of the road was \$11,032,557.27, and the expenses of operating and maintaining, \$7,717,334.33. The report of the consulting engineer shows the road and equipment to be in good condition.

J. D. Bridge, editor and proprietor of the Democrat, Lancaster, N. H. says: "I would not be without One Minute Cough Cure for my boy, when troubled with a cough or cold. It is the best remedy for croup I ever used." Rider & Snyder.

### TODAY'S MARKETS.

Latest Reports From the Centers of Trade.

NEW YORK, May 20.—There was quite large business in the stock market today. The range was wide and the close was firm. Money 3 per cent. Bank statement was favorable.

**BANK STATEMENT.**  
Reserve increased.....\$1,498,600  
Loans decreased.....7,243,500  
Specie increased.....6,559,300  
Legals increased.....1,145,500  
Deposits increased.....793,600  
Circulation decreased.....16,200

The following tables show the fluctuations of stock, as reported by T. B. Arnold's exchange:

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
American Sugar.....	158½	159	158½	158¾
American Tobacco.....	105	106	105	105½
Atchafalca (Pfd.).....	55½	56½	54½	55
C. & Q.....	131¼	131½	131¼	131¼
Federal Steel.....	91¼	91½	90¼	90¾
General Electric.....	32			32
Lead.....	110½	111½	110½	110¾
U. S. Leather (Pfd.).....	69½			69½
Manhattan.....	110½	111½	110½	110¾
Missouri Pacific.....	44	44½	43¾	43½
Rockville & Nashville.....	69½	69½	69½	69½
Northern Pacific (Pfd.).....				77

CHICAGO, May 20.—Wheat firm and quite active. There was no foreign market, and traders had no guide here. Northwest receipts 338 cars, against 406 last year. The close was about opening figures.

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Wheat.....	72½	73¼	72¾	72¾
July.....	73½	73¾	73¾	73½
Sept.....	73½	73¾	73¼	73½
Corn.....	33½	33½	33½	33½
July.....	33½	34	33½	33½
Sept.....	23¾	23¾	23¾	23¾
Oats.....	21	21	20¾	21
July.....	8 22	8 25	8 20	8 20
Sept.....	8 37	8 57	8 35	8 35
Lard.....	5 12	5 12	5 12	5 12
Sept.....	5 27	5 27	5 25	5 25

CHICAGO, May 20.—[By Associated Press]—Hogs active, \$3.55@4.00; cattle steady.

TOLEDO, May 20.—[By Associated Press]—Wheat 74½

### The Massillon Market.

The following prices are paid by Massillon merchants today:

GRAIN, HAY, STRAW AND WOOL.	
Wheat.....	70
Hay, per ton.....	5 00 to 7 50
Straw, per ton.....	5 00
Corn.....	38-40
Oats.....	27-28
Clover Seed.....	3 00
Timothy Seed.....	1 00 to 1 15
Rye, per bu.....	8 40
Barley.....	50
Flax seed.....	1 25
Wool.....	15 to 18

FRUITS AND VEGETABLES.	
Potatoes, per bushel.....	45
Onions, per bushel.....	65
Beets, per bushel.....	60
Apples.....	1 00
Cabbage, per dozen.....	50
Dried peaches, peeled.....	10 to 15
Dried peaches, unpeeled.....	10 to 15
Evaporated apples.....	10 to 15
Onions.....	65
White beans.....	1 25

BUTTER, EGGS AND POULTRY.	
Butter.....	12
Eggs.....	10
Chickens, live.....	07
Chickens, dressed.....	10
Turkeys, live.....	08
Turkeys, dressed.....	14

MEATS AND CHEESE.	
Sausage.....	06
Spare Ribs.....	06
Backbone.....	06
Ham.....	09
Shoulder.....	05
Lard.....	05½
Sides.....	06 to 07
Cheese.....	11

The following are retail prices:  
Bran, per 100 lbs..... 85  
Middlins, per 100 lbs..... 90

**Asthma in Worst Form Relieved.**  
Miss Maud Dickens, Parsons, Kan., writes: "I suffered eight years with asthma in its worst form. I had several attacks during the last year and was not expected to live through them. I began using Foley's Kidney and Bladder troubles, and it has never failed to give immediate relief. I recommend it to all those suffering with asthma." 25 and 50c. Rider & Snyder.

**In Bad Shape.**

I was in bad shape and suffered a great deal with my kidneys. I was requested to try Foley's Kidney Cure, I did so and in four days I was able to go to work again, now I am entirely well.

CHARLES REPOLOGE, Atwater, O.  
Rider & Snyder.

Little, neglected scratches and wounds frequently result in blood-poisoning. Better heal them quickly with DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve, a thoroughly antiseptic application with a record of all ways curing piles, old ulcers, sores, cuts, wounds and skin diseases. Rider & Snyder.

Don't let the little ones suffer from eczema or other torturing skin diseases. No need for it. Doan's Ointment cures. Can't harm the most delicate skin. At any drug store, 50c.

No man can cure consumption. You can prevent it though. Dr. Wood's Norway Pine Syrup cures coughs, colds, bronchitis, asthma. Never fails.

**Unfortunate People**  
are they who while suffering from Kidney Diseases are prejudiced against all advertised remedies. They should know that Foley's Kidney Cure is not a quack remedy, but an honest guaranteed medicine for Kidney and Bladder troubles. 50c and \$1.00 a bottle. Rider & Snyder.

Entertainment committees will find just what they want in the way of invitations, programmes, etc., at THE INDEPENDENT office.

## TREASURER ENJOINED.

**Richland Official Kept From Collecting Taxes.**

**AULTMAN-TAYLOR CASE WAS UP.**

**Judge Hicks of the United States Circuit Court at Cleveland Prevented Collection Until the Matter is Tried In Court Next Fall.**

CLEVELAND, May 20.—Judge Hicks of the United States circuit court enjoined the county treasurer of Richland county, O., from collecting taxes and penalties amounting to nearly a \$500,000 assessed during the past six years against the old Aultman-Taylor company of Mansfield and the estate of the late Congressman M. J. Harter.

Mr. Harter was very largely interested in the company, when since his death has been reorganized. It is claimed by the Harter administrators that the taxes levied are excessive and illegal. The case will come up for final hearing at the fall term of the circuit court.

**Proposed Match Combine.**

AKRON, May 20.—Diamond Match stock sold at 15. The advance was due to the announcement that the Diamond Match company is soon to absorb all its competitors in this country. It is announced on good authority that Edwin Gould has already signed contracts for the transfer of the interests of the Continental Match company to the Diamond. It is pretty well established that the Union Star company is but a branch of the Diamond company to get control of the smaller companies. It is said the stock of the Diamond Match will be increased from \$11,000,000 to \$15,000,000, and that the additional issue will be offered to present holder at par.

**Citizens Nearly Lynched Him.**

TOLEDO, May 20.—Indignant citizens of Northville, Mich., drove Thomas Evans from the city after preparing to hang him. Evans was accused of misusing his children, and his neighbors had a rope around his neck and he was twice pulled up, but refused to leave the city as was required.

**C. P. General Assembly.**

DENVER, May 20.—At the Cumberland Presbyterian general assembly, Dr. Darby asked that \$250,000 be raised for Cumberland university; \$150,000 each for Lincoln university, Trinity university and Arkansas Cumberland seminary and \$100,000 each for Theological seminary and Queensbury university.

## HUMBERGERS.

### A Splendid Selection

—OF—

### All Wool Carpets

—AT—

### Fifty Cents a Yard.

Then we have the Celebrated Hartford all wool extra supers, the very best wool carpet made. They cost a little more, but we guarantee every yard.

### Muslin Specialties

Splendid Brown Muslin, 3 cents.  
Two bales heavy 6c Muslin for 4 cents.  
A few Silk Skirts, \$8.00 grade for \$6 00.

## HUMBERGERS'.

Warwick Block, Massillon.

## BRIGHT'S DISEASE



If you read the daily papers you know something of the number of prominent men who die of Bright's disease. There are thousands more you never hear about. It is a particularly common and fatal complaint.

Thousands are afflicted with Bright's disease who are in total ignorance of the fact, so little is it understood. Indigestion or any stomach derangement, inactive liver, etc., burden the kidneys (the great "strainers" of the

blood) with a double load. Biliousness follows and the blood becomes poisoned with urea and uric acid, which should be excreted by the kidneys.

**Foley's Kidney Cure Makes the Kidneys RIGHT**

Rheumatic pains in the nerves and joints follow and when this condition becomes settled the kidneys themselves become irritated and pains over the small of the back indicate the sure approach of Bright's disease. Physicians will tell you these are facts.

**Foley's Kidney Cure is Used by Physicians.**

Any number of causes tend to bring about these conditions, and the symptoms are many and different. Here are some symptoms which will indicate kidney or bladder trouble of some sort: (it may be gravel, diabetes, Bright's disease, uraemia, nephritis, organic weakness or other ailments.)

**SYMPTOMS:** Backache, bad digestion, dry mouth, parched or swollen tongue, bad breath, headache, nervousness, voracious appetite, weakness, tired out feeling, paleness or waxiness of complexion, wasting of flesh, dropsical tendency, aching pain over the tops of lumbar, swollen ankles, sediment or deposit in the urine, bloody or milky white or highly colored urine, frequent desire to pass urine, scanty urine, bad odor of perspiration, puffiness under the eyes, etc. One case does not produce all of these signs of disease. Any one symptom will indicate kidney or bladder trouble of some kind.

**Foley's Kidney Cure will cure these afflictions, or will prevent them if taken in time.** It is guaranteed to do this (and is, so far as we know, the only unconditionally guaranteed remedy for kidney disease.) Ask your druggist about it to-day.

**It is pleasant to take.**

**Rider & Snyder, Druggists.**



## LOCAL HAPPENINGS.

Discovered this Week by Independent Investigators.

Mrs. Lawrence Baldwin is visiting in Akron.

Edward Baltzly, of Cleveland, is visiting in the city.

George Doll, of Larned, Kan., is visiting relatives in the city.

Samuel Burgess, of Barberton, is visiting Massillon friends and relatives.

Miss Fanny Kieckel, of Columbus, is the guest of the Rev. and Mrs. O. W. Weber.

Ray A. Bradshaw, of Alliance, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Purches, in Houston street.

The Western Ohio mine will resume operations next week, after several months' idleness.

New summer helmets for the police have arrived. They are light both in color and weight.

Mrs. T. C. Putman, of Beach City, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. F. Putman, in East Main street.

The next meeting of the Stark County Horticultural Society will be held on the county fair grounds on June 14.

Fireman Christian Baatz continues to improve, and in a short time will be able to move about on crutches.

County Auditor Reed has appointed John B. Wert deputy auditor for the Massillon board of equalization.

Mr. and Mrs. Ferris Brown, of Tiro, O., are guests of the Rev. and Mrs. J. F. Ciolek, at their residence in East Oak street.

The death of Robert H. Folger has given W. G. Myers, of Canal Fulton, the distinction of being the oldest practicing member of the Stark county bar.

V. Spichka, formerly brew master of the Massillon brewery, and J. Theobald, of Cleveland, have purchased the Louisville brewery.—Canton News Democrat.

Eugene V. Debs, the noted labor leader, will deliver an address at East Palestine on Memorial Day, under the auspices of the Trades and Labor Assembly.

E. J. McBride's concert, which was to have been given at the Armory, will take place instead at the Christian church, on Tuesday evening, May 23, at 8:15 o'clock.

Enterprise Division, U. R. K. of P., at its Wednesday evening meeting, decided to accept the invitation of Chief Marshal D. S. Gardner to participate in the Memorial Day parade.

Congressman R. W. Taylor will deliver the address at East Liverpool on Decoration Day, dedicating the new memorial chapel in Riverview cemetery, which was erected at a cost of \$15,000.

The Home Oil and Gas Company will begin drilling on the John Yingling farm, east of the city, on Monday. The well on the George Snyder farm will be shot, if at all, when the Yingling hole is ready for the blast.

The Ministerial Association of East Liverpool, at a special meeting held Tuesday, adopted resolutions protesting against the lecture of Mrs. Anna E. George, advertised to be given in that city.

The directors of the Wooster university are making an effort to secure Dr. W. O. Thompson to accept the presidency of the university here. He is now the president of the Miami university at Oxford.

At the final session of the Ohio Episcopal diocesan convention on Wednesday, the Rev. C. M. Roberts, of St. Timothy's church, was elected a member of the central convocation missionary committee.

Hart Post, G. A. R., has been invited to attend exercises to be held at 9 a. m. on Memorial Day at East Greenville. Owing to the celebration to be held in Massillon, however, it will be impossible for the Massillon veterans to accept.

Stark Tent, No. 186, Knights of the Maccoes will hold a dime social in the Trades and Labor Assembly hall Thursday evening, May 25. The carpet will be disposed of and ice cream and cake will be served. Every lady invited. Nathan Lee, R. K.

A convention of the Lutheran Sunday schools of Stark and Carroll counties will be held in St. Paul's church, Waynesburg, June 14, 15 and 16. Among those on the programme are the Revs. L. H. Barry and O. W. Weber, Frank H. Snyder and Miss Mary Nell, of Massillon.

The nine children who were injured at the Kiefer schoolhouse recently are so much improved today that the physicians are hopeful for the complete recovery of all. The two that were thought to be fatally injured were less seriously hurt than supposed, the internal injuries having proven to be of little consequence.

J. S. Coxey arrived home Thursday from Joplin, Mo., where he has bought a lead mine. The mine was put down last week. Ore was struck at a depth of fifty-eight feet. It is said to be 60 per cent. pure. Mr. Coxey will ship machinery to Joplin at once. He has engaged a number of Massillon district coal miners to assist in operating the mine.

The entertainment to be given at the Armory next Friday afternoon and evening promises to be a notable one, and no pains have been spared to render it attractive. Mrs. D. S. Gardner will have charge of the fifty or more participants, and the Military band orchestra will assist. Special features will be the May Day decoration of the stage, gypsy chorus, dances and drills. Admission will be 25 and 35 cents.

Thorne T. Dillon, who left for San Juan, Porto Rico, about three weeks ago, to accept a position with the Colonial Banking Company, has written to friends in the city, describing a pleasant trip and safe arrival at his destination.

At the time of his writing, Mr. Dillon expected that the new bank would open for business the following week. He was then living at the Colonial Club in San Juan, and was enjoying his new experiences immensely.

The funeral of Mrs. Mary J. Rawson, a former resident of this city, took place from her home in Akron on Tuesday. Mrs. Rawson was 80 years of age and was a sister of the late Robert H. Folger. She was born in Massillon, but spent most of her life in Akron. From 1839 to 1896 she lived in Cleveland, where her husband, Levi Rawson, had charge of an extensive shipping business on the lakes. Members of the Folger family from this city attended the funeral.

The coming department encampment of the G. A. R. at Youngstown, is to be a grand affair. Among other interesting features there will be a flag competition, which will make each post try hard to send a large delegation. Silk flags have been offered by the Youngstown post to the Ohio post having the largest percentage of members in line in the parade; to the Ohio post having the largest number of members in attendance; and to the post from any other state having the largest number in line.

There will be a special meeting of the First German Baptist Church, corner Jarvis ave. and Green street, on Tuesday evening, May 23, at 7:15 p. m., standard time. The Revs. G. A. Schulte and J. Heinrichs will address the meeting. The former is the corresponding secretary of the home mission society of the German Baptists in this country, and the latter is a missionary from India. Rev. Schulte will speak in the interests of home missions and Rev. Heinrichs will inform us concerning the progress of Christianity in the far off heathen lands. He may also favor the congregation with a song in Telegu language. All are cordially invited.

## NEWS FROM NEARBY TOWNS.

## FULTON TEACHERS.

CANAL FULTON, May 20.—Miss Pomeroy having resigned, a successor to her has been elected, but otherwise next term's corps of teachers will be unchanged. It is composed of Superintendent Focht, W. J. Kirk, Miss May Houriet, Miss Lulu Porter, Miss Clara Stover and Miss Nellie Breece.

## SCHOOLHOUSE BURNED.

DALTON, May 20.—A fire originating in the attic through a defective flue practically destroyed the Green Oak schoolhouse in sub-district No. 5, between 4 and 5 o'clock Friday afternoon. Guy M. McDowell, the teacher, was ready to start for Orrville, his home, when his brother, Carl McDowell, who was closing the windows, noticed smoke issuing from under the eaves. A ladder was procured and an effort made to enter the upper part of the building, but the smoke was too dense. The bell was rung, and the people attracted thereby succeeded in saving most of the schoolhouse's contents. The building was not insured.

## BEACH CITY MARRIAGES.

BEACH CITY, May 20.—Mr. and Mrs. Charles Weimer, whose marriage took place at the home of the bride in this place last Sunday, have taken up their residence on the former's farm, north of the city. Mrs. Weimer was Miss Clara Myers.

John Shipbaugh and Mrs. Smiley were married last Sunday evening by the Rev. Mr. Smiley, of Wilmet. Mr. Shipbaugh was a widower, and Mrs. Smiley a widow. They will reside in Beach City. Mr. Shipbaugh is a plasterer.

## NO MUSIC IN ST. CLEMENT'S.

NAVARRE, May 19.—Miss Mary Wagner is the teacher of St. Clement's parochial school and the church organist. When the school term ended, Miss Wagner's salary stopped. She refused then to play the organ. Now the choir refuses to sing unless she does. There the matter rests.

## RESIDE SOUTH OF FULTON.

CANAL FULTON, May 19.—Mr. and Mrs. William Remark have taken up their residence south of Fulton. Mr. Remark is a miner. They were married yesterday by the Rev. Mr. Kaempker. Mrs. Remark was Miss Anna Rohr, of Jackson township.

## IN THE TRACK OF THE STORM.

JUSTUS, May 18.—Lightning struck the chimney of the residence of T. E. Moyer, agent of the C. L. & W. and C. C. & S. railroads at this place, on Wednesday afternoon, and then ran down to the house, tearing out a portion of the roof and burning the woodwork around a telegraph instrument on the first floor.

## NEWS OF PINX.

PINX, May 22.—Farmers have nearly all planted their corn.

The mines have worked very slowly for some time.

Mrs. Williams was in Wooster last week.

William Christianman is working in Massillon, where he is helping to clear away the ruins of the Russell fire.

At the meeting of the school directors, last week it was decided to recommend Miss Carrie Thomas to the board as teacher next winter.

The school closed Friday; a large number of householders were present.

John Rudy has purchased a new Deering binder this spring.

Irvyn Yost was the guest of his uncle, Jacob Yost, on Friday.

We are sorry to hear of the death of Philip Dahlheimer. He had resided in this community for eighteen years, and had in that time made many friends.

If you suffer from tenderness or fullness on the right side, pains under shoulder blade, constipation, biliousness, sick headache, and feel dull, heavy and sleepy, your liver is torpid and congested. DeWitt's Little Early Risers will cure you promptly, pleasantly and permanently by removing the congestion and causing the bile ducts to open and flow naturally. They are good pills. Rider & Snyder.

## OTIS DECLINES.

Filippino Commissioners Ask for an Amistice.

## INSURGENTS DISBANDING.

The Natives at San Luis Rejoice Over the Arrival of the Americans—Admiral Dewey Leaves Manila Today, on His Way Home.

[By Associated Press to The Independent.]

MANILA, May 20.—General Pilar and three others of the Filipino army, with four civilians, appointed as commissioners to negotiate peace with the American commissioners, reached Manila this morning and were met by Lieutenant Colonel Barry. After breakfast they were taken through the city to the Ayuntamiento, and the party was closeted with General Otis for more than an hour, but the interview was decidedly unsatisfactory, the commission having nothing definite to propose and not being empowered to negotiate terms. The commissioners brought a communication direct from Aguinaldo, asking for an armistice pending the decision of the Filipino congress as to what policy should be adopted. General Otis refused to entertain this proposition. The commissioners will visit the Oregon and meet their families before returning.

Major Kobbé's expedition met with no opposition until he reached San Luis, and that was soon silenced. The captain in command of the gunboats landed before the troops arrived, and was received with a "Porto Rican" welcome. The natives crowded around with fulsome expressions of friendship, and were apparently half afraid they would be killed. Word was sent to the timid ones and hundreds returned, each party carrying an improvised flag of truce. Thousands of the natives are returning in boats to the captured cities, even to Malabon and Manila. They say they desire peace and that they no longer fear the Americans. On Thursday a Spanish priest returned with many families, begging protection. He reported that 800 insurgents deserted Candaba on Wednesday, retreating toward Mt. Arayat, 10 miles to the north. He also said that the natives believed that the archbishop was aiding the Americans, hence their increased hatred of the Spaniards.

## DEWEY STARTS FOR HOME.

MANILA, May 20.—[By Associated Press]—Admiral Dewey sailed on the Olympia today for Hongkong. The admiral stood on the bridge with his head bared, receiving the admiral's salutes from the navy and cheers, while the band played "Home, Sweet Home." The British warship Powerful took part in the honors, her sailors cheering lustily.

## WARMLY WELCOMED.

STAUNTON, Va., May 20.—[By Associated Press]—Great crowds gathered about the President's train. Flags and pictures of the President were displayed through the city. A committee invited the President to make an address and preceded by a band he and his party were escorted to the public square, where the President made a brief address.

## WHAT IS THE USE.

No Need to go Through Life a Sufferer.

Means of Relief is near at Hand and Recommended by People You Know.

What is the use to go on suffering with kidney backache, nervousness, sleeplessness and dizziness when a fifty-cent box of Morrow's Kid-ne-oids will cure you? Probably you have not heard of Kid-ne-oids, so if you will read this statement it will pay you tenfold.

Honorable John McDonald, residing at 60 Dodge street, Cleveland, O., makes the following statement: "I was troubled with a very severe and sharp pain across the small of my back just over the kidneys and as I suffered a great deal with rheumatism, I was convinced that my kidneys were out of order. I secured some of Morrow's Kid-ne-oids and was so much benefited by them that I secured another box and continued the treatment with the same satisfactory results. I took altogether about three boxes and the pains across my back have entirely disappeared and the rheumatic pains are relieved. I have enjoyed good health since then and will cheerfully recommend Kid-ne-oids to anyone suffering as I was."

Morrow's Kid-ne-oids are not pills, but Yellow Tablets and are put up in wooden boxes which contain enough for about two weeks' treatment and sell at fifty cents at all drug stores and at Seaman's drug store.

Mailed on receipt of price. Manufactured by John Morrow & Co., chemists, Springfield, O.

If you have a backache or are undergoing horrible operations that simply remove the results of the disease without disturbing the disease itself. Place your confidence in DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve. It has never failed to cure others; it will not fail to cure you. Rider & Snyder.

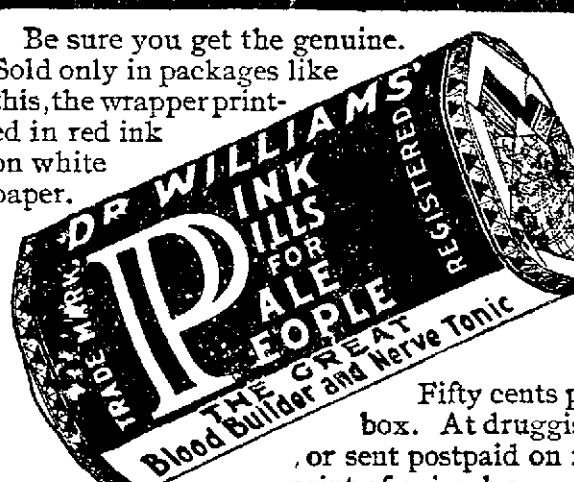
When Weak, Weary and Wasted from Kidney Diseases, why not try Foley's Kidney Cure, a guaranteed medicine. 50c and \$1.00 a bottle. Rider & Snyder.

When doctors fail try Burdock Blood Bitters. Cures dyspepsia, constipation; invigorates the whole system.



**Ladies Tell Each Other**

of the comfort and security afforded to them by Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People. Headaches and backaches that come expectedly or unexpectedly are charmed away and the rich, red blood shows itself in the pink cheeks and bright eyes of those who use these pills. They are not a purgative; they give strength instead of taking it away. Wise mothers give them to growing girls.



Be sure you get the genuine. Sold only in packages like this, the wrapper printed in red ink on white paper.

**DR. WILLIAMS' PINK PILLS FOR PALE PEOPLE**

REGISTERED TRADE MARK

**THE DR. WILLIAMS MEDICINE CO., Schenectady, N.Y.**

Fifty cents per box. At druggists or sent postpaid on receipt of price by

Mrs. Amanda Robinson, wife of Wm. Robinson, farmer and stockman, near Howesville, Clay County, Ind., has for several years been in declining health and despondent. For three months she was so much enfeebled as to be not only unable to attend to her domestic affairs but too sick and feeble to be up and about. To-day she is in good health and able to attend her household duties. She relates her experience thus: "I was afflicted with troubles incident to my sex and was in a very delicate state of health. I lost my appetite, dwindled away in flesh, and was greatly depressed. After taking various remedies without being benefited, I was induced to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People. "Early in the summer of 1897 I procured five boxes of them and began taking the pills as directed. Before consuming the second box I could very perceptibly feel their beneficial effects. My appetite returned, complexion improved, and I had renewed strength. After taking the five boxes I felt better in every way; I was able to do my usual daily work and I stopped taking the pills."—From the Democrat, Braintree, Ind.

## OLD TRUST SATISFACTORY AWHILE.

Liquor Dealers Refused to Join the Present Whisky Combine.

WASHINGTON, May 20.—Martin R. Cook, a wholesale liquor dealer of New York city, was the first witness before the industrial commission. He gave a history of the earlier pools or combinations to regulate the prices of liquors. The effect was to advance the price of spirits. The trust that was organized with Mr. Greenhut as president, fixed prices for jobbers and that was a satisfactory arrangement as long as it lasted. There were rebates and penalties and the trade generally observed the regulations while that agreement remained in force. Finally, however, there was demoralization and prices were forced up to the detriment of a great many in the business.

Regarding the present so-called trust Cook said the men behind it had endeavored to get control of the entire distributing trade of the country. The offers made his firm by the combination were unfair and unprofitable and they declined to act as distributors. The old trust was more liberal in many senses. His firm built a plant of their own to protect their interests. Many large houses paid them half a cent more for goods rather than buy from the trust.

## AN APPEAL FOR THE ARMENIANS.

England and United States Asked to Act at The Hague.

LONDON, May 21.—The Anglo-Armenian association, of which the Duke of Westminster is president, has memorialized the Marquis of Salisbury urging the advisability of a peace conference at The Hague settling the Armenian question.

The association also addressed an informal communication to Washington, "feeling assured that the close co-operation of the English speaking nations in a work for the benefit of mankind is ardently desired on both sides of the Atlantic."

## Pigiron Shortage Predicted.

YOUNGSTOWN, O., May 20.—A local iron manufacturer stated that if the present rate of consumption of pigiron is maintained much longer many mills will soon be forced to close for lack of material, the demand far exceeding the supply. Mahoning valley mills will be able to continue, having purchased largely for future delivery.

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Dated the 1st day of May, 1900.

MARTIN SINGER, Executor.

Do you follow the want columns daily? Not, you should.

## INDEPENDENT WANT COLUMNS

Articles lost and found, houses to let or desired, help wanted, situations wanted, real estate buildings and kindred announcements are more certain to produce results if advertised under this head than by any other means. Copy must be left not later than 10 a. m. to insure insertion the same day. Six publications of not more than 4 printed lines for 25 cents.

## FOR SALE.

A NEW four roomed house on Johnson street, Turins and price reasonable. Inquire at Mouser Bros. piano factory.

BICYCLE—First-class drop frame bicycle in good condition. Used only one year. Apply at independent office.

ENGINE—One vertical 5-horse power engine on truck \$50.00; one vertical 5-horse power engine on base, \$80.00; one vertical 5-horse boiler with horizontal engine, \$80.00. These engines are in good running order. Inquire of J. B. Greenhill, O.

PROPERTY—James Bayless property in East Main street; lot 50 feet by 175 feet. Good place for business block. Cheap. E. G. H. 1500, Administrator.

SEVEN roomed house and lot on Borden avenue and Webster St.; cistern water and fruit trees, or premises. Will sell cheap. Inquire of C. V. Harn mersmith.

SPLIT FENCE POSTS—Chestnut or white oak; also three two-horse wagons. Inquire of John H. Snyder, 211 North street.

WAGON—A good top delivery wagon, with pole and shafts. Price reasonable. Call at independent office.

## FOR RENT

FOUR roomed house on Guide street. Possession given May 1st. Inquire of E. P. Babbey.

FOUR roomed house, E. 1st Main street. For of 242 East 24th. Inquire at 242 E. Main street.

HALL on third floor of Harsh bldg. for many years occupied by the Odd Fellows. The furniture can be arranged for also. Inquire of W. B. Humberger or F. L. Baldwin.

PASTURAGE—Five acres of good pasture on Riverview avenue. Inquire of P. H. Young at carriage works.

SIX room house, 115 State street, near street car line. Inquire at 160 Front street or Bechtel & Taggart's grocery.

TWO office rooms, one in Opera Block, one in Stone Block. James H. Dunn.

TWO houses, 4 and 5 rooms, city and city street car line. Inquire at Mouser Bros. Piano factory.

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ANY man or woman out of employment or employed at unsatisfactory wages, can make \$75 per month working for us. Straight salary. Some to travel; others for local work. Address Century, 3845 Market street, Philadelphia.

GIRL—A strong girl for general household work. Inquire at 138 East Oak street.

MAN—To manage branch office for large firm; salary \$100 month, extra commission; good reference; and \$600 cash required. Must be good collector and capable of addressing people. No soliciting required. Address: Preble & Co., Colonial Manufacturing Co., New Haven, Conn.

MAN—Some competent man with good address. Office and outside work. A. T. Morris, P. O. Genl. Delivery.

MOULDERS—First-class bench moulders and stove plate moulders. The Cleveland Foundry Co., Cleveland, O.

SALESMEN—\$40.00 a month and all expenses guaranteed selling to merchants Arctic Refrigerating Machine for cooling or than ice. Exclusive territory assigned. Arctic Refrigerating Co., (Inc.) Indianapolis, Ind.

SALESMEN—Reliable salesmen for best specialty on the market. Staple article having steady sale and increasing demand, affording large profit. No samples required. Address: Manufacturer, 926 Majestic Building, Detroit, Mich.

WAGON—A light spring wagon for delivery purposes. "Second hand" and must be in good repair. Inquire at The Independent office.

## LOST.

CAP—A cap with brass air valve off oil wagon, between West Brookfield and Wheeler street. Finder please leave at East Main street.

PLANS for three floors of a business block. Goods Store.

MISCELLANEOUS.

SPRING SEWING of all kinds, embroidery and modern lace taught or made; ladies' underwear and infant's outfits a specialty. Inquire at 52 Duncan street; Bell phone 385.

VAULTS and cess pools emptied. Call on street, or call telephone 173 Sonnhalter coal office.

Gust Gruenbeerg, practical tailor. Repairing of all kinds neatly and promptly done. Second floor, No. 17 East Main street.

**Special Cut Prices.**

on odd lots of Lace Curtains of from one to three pairs.

Our great Lace Curtain Sale has accumulated odd lots of lace curtains of from one to three pairs of a kind. This entire lot—about 25 different patterns of all grades of Curtains will be closed out at once at **SPECIAL CUT PRICES**, such as you have never heard of before. If you come at once it certainly means a saving of dollars to you.

**CRONE'S DRY GOODS STORE.**